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Gentlemen,

AMONG the various advantages we enjoy from the preſs, the frequency of *News papers* is not the leaſt. 'Tis pity they ſhould ſo long want a Panegyrick from your Society. We look into them every morning as the image of human life, and tho', like a broken mirrour, they repreſent it diſtorted, contracted, disjointed, under every ridiculous attitude. Fame, the HOGARTH of every age, can paint it; yet ſtill the groteſque figures create us mirth, and the diſtant reſemblance to truth an agreeable aſtoniſhment.

The *Coffee houſe* may be conſidered as the great Theatre of the world. Here we paſs through all the courts of *Europe*, are admitted into the cabinets of princes, — and in a moment are winged away to the Hundreds of Drury, or a roundhouſe, which, as they are the ſchools of inſtruction, remind me of HORACE's deſcription of this very excellence:

Modo me Thebis, modo ponat Athenis.

If it is the great qualification of dramatic writers to ſet characters in a ſtrong light, and, as occaſion ſerves, above life or below it, it is no leſs the diſtinguiſhing mark of *News writers* to exceed their ſubject; they by a peculiar felicity even

De magnis majora loquuntur.

But Fiction is the chief excellence of both theſe ſort of writers; confined as they are in lonely garrets, ſtill they have ideal worlds to expatiate in; they can produce flowers from every ſoil, important facts from every circumſtance, and ſhow the richneſs of their invention — to provide againſt a ſunday's dinner. Some Truth perhaps may be the baſis of their fable; but their art is ſhown in the lively embelliſhments of it, in throwing in ſurpriſing circumſtances, in working up under characters, in changing the principal. Here again HORACE's rule is of abundant uſe.

Aut FAMAM *ſequere, aut* CONVENIENTIA *finge.*

But this point may be illuſtrated by a much more familiar inſtance. You can't but have obſerved, that the ſame air receives different modifications from the aperture thro' which it paſſes; by an artful ſuppreſſion it ſhall ſometimes ſtink in ſilence, at other times it ſhall go more roundly off in a loud report. Thus ſweetly ſings the beſt of Engliſh poets:

There at one paſſage oft you might ſurvey
A Lye and Truth, contending for the way.
And long 'twas doubtful, both ſo cloſely pent,
Which firſt ſhould iſſue thro' the narrow vent.
At laſt agreed together out they fly,
Inſeparable now, the Truth and Lye
The ſtrict companions are for ever join'd,
And this or that unmix'd no mortal e'er can find.

But to return, if according to the critical rules of the drama, the action it repreſents is not to take up above twenty four hours, Nature ſeems to have deſigned to theſe Papers the very ſame period; they aim but at the ſhort hiſtory of each day; they are born daily; and, true to the end of their creation, they dye as often.

As the *incidents* in News papers are very numerous, to range them the better in my head, I generally diſtinguiſh them by proper intervals, which, like the muſick between the acts, give me time to recollect the important events in each period; and I ſuit them, as well as I can, (like the muſick in the antient Theatres, and the overture in our modern operas) to the nature of the ſubject before me. I look upon the *Stocks* while my chocolate is milling; upon *Eccleſiaſtical and Civil Preferments*, while I eat my bread and butter; I am forced indeed for *Foreign Occurrences* to put on my ſpectacles; *Fog* I read while I ſmoak my pipe; while I take ſnuff *The Craftſman*; and relax over a jelly at the pretty widow's, with the *Univerſal Spectator*: the *Criticiſms* of Mr. BAVIUS, I ſtudy taking a diſh of tea, without ſugar faſting; and I imbibe the grounds of religion in the *Weekly Miſcellany* with thoſe of my coffee.

'Tis a peculiar happineſs that I may carry on the ſimilitude of a Theatre one degree farther by the help of another writer among you, who ſtiles himſelf *The Prompter*; who, tho' he ſets out with this humble title, claims the authority of a *manager*, and of being the arbiter of ſenſe as well as elocution; a character which I find Mr. BAVIUS much diſpoſed to diſpute with him But why ſhould not he enjoy it; an organ-blower, you know, has before now put in his title to the merit of the muſick, and that's an office of near affinity with a *Puffer*, or a *Prompter*. For my part, I never think of this author, but when I am interrupted in my ſpeculations, by thoſe itinerant traders that make themſelves the ſign-poſt of their ſhop, who hint to me in my ear, that they deal in *pens, pocket-books, waſhballs, Almanacks*, &c. all the implements of the ſcholar, as well as the fine gentleman. They are a ſort of interlopers indeed among us, when we are a full houſe; but as they only interrupt with a *Puff*, it is a comfort to me, that they are beſt anſwered by a *Nod*.

To prevent the ill impreſſions which *Deaths, Burials*, and a croud of tragical events, may leave upon my mind, I generally attend to the *entertainments* which follow them under the name of *Advertiſements*. Here controverſies flaſh upon me, like artificial lightning, more known by the ſtink they have, than by their brightneſs. Here the men of buſineſs and the men of ſpeculation dance before my eyes,

Coupled by magic art each mimic fellow,
A *Merlin* here, and here a *Punchinello*.

I'll give you a ſmall liſt of ſome of the preſent actors; for farther particulars I refer you to the *great bills*.

A plain account of the ſacrament of the Lord's ſupper.
Selden's table talk.

An examination of the ſcheme of church power laid down in the codex.
Dr. Rock's cure for an aching tooth.

Biſhop Gibſon's codex.
The builders dictionary.

Il negotiſmo d' Angleterra, impreſ. à Bologna, tranſlated.
The way to win him.

The univerſal dictionary.
Tractatus tractatum.
The recruiting officer.

The caſe of biſhop R——le.
Venice preſerved.
A trip to the jubilee.

Biſhop R——'s two late ſermons.
Philoſophical tranſactions.

Diſſertations on parties.
Clergyman's vade mecum.

Natural conſequences of repealing the ſacramental teſt.
Foxes and firebrands.

Martial's penitential diſcipline.
Three hours after marriage.

Comes comertii.
The bank contract.

Bentley's edition of Milton.
Shakeſpeare reſtored.
Gradus ad Parnaſſum.

Milton's paradiſe loſt.
The fop's fortune.

Beſt brandy, rum, arrack, &c.
Grief alamode.

Wrethock's tryal.
The young clerk's pocket companion.

The dwarf Indian 34 inches
The tall Saxon 8 foot,

Annus mirabilis
Spectacle de la Nature.

It would be endleſs to purſue the pleaſure, the advantage, of theſe volatile ſtages, the *News papers*, but ſince by their moveableneſs they ſeem more peculiar to the mountebank, why may not I change the ſcene likewiſe, and conſider them under that character?

As the one often, to ingratiate himſelf with his ſpectators, pulls out a tooth where there was none, or makes a wound to ſhew his dexterity in curing it, and boaſts of his publick ſpirit, that he may pick the pockets of the populace; ſo your brethren kill ſome that never exiſted, and puff others to life again who died only in their hands; and, pardon me if I carry on the alluſion ſo far, boaſt of Patriotiſm for private advantage.

Here Politicks, Hiſtory, Divinity, Morality, Eſſays, Criticiſm, Poetry, Jokes, Puns, Conundrums, Blunders, with all their ſeveral ſubdiviſions, the whole catalogue of *officinal ſimples* are blended together, and retailed out, in ſuch juſt proportions, and in ſo conciſe a manner, at the beginning of each Paper, that they may be taken, like the medicines at the end of them, without loſs of time, upon a journey, without hindrance of buſineſs or diverſion.

Even learning, learning, I ſay, has ſo long been conveyed under this form that it will ſcarce go down in any other. If books have lain by neglected, ſeparate the maſs, compound them anew, and gild them over with a *leaf* of NEWS, they ſhall be received as cordially as WARD's Pill, and cure the eye-ſight like Dr. TAYLOR. By theſe foreign helps, authors that have been long ſince dead, if the worms have not quite eaten them up, move about with freſh vigour, to the aſtoniſhment of all that heretofore knew them; like ſome modern travellers, who could never make a figure by their own merits, when once they have ſtepped into France, Italy, or Germany, happy is the man that can be bleſſed with their company.

As there is a daily want of Information in this populous city, we are ſupplied with freſh *intelligences* every morning. Some are for preſent uſe. From hence other compoſitions are afterwards formed, for more periodical complaints, and heightened in proportion to the time they are propoſed to laſt. You, Meſſieurs GRUBS, add a new *Spirit* to them with ſome *ſalts* and proper *fermentation*; your rivals, the *Magaziners*, in order to pleaſe their patients with a cheaper *packet*, augment the bulk of it with a large quantity of *phlegm, ſulphur*, and *caput mortuum*. The quick operation of each in their turns I have frequently admired, when I have ſeen the patients carry them in their hands to the place where I chuſe to leave them, and to ſubſcribe myſelf

HISTRIO-ASPIS.

Gentlemen,

NOT having the honour of knowing that worthy Gentleman, who ſigns himſelf PETER QUEER in your laſt Paper, I beg leave to take this method to return him thanks for his ſingular exactneſs, in his Examen of the Treatiſe on the Cataract, I lately publiſhed. I confeſs, from the manner he began his Letter, I feared he had found out ſome eſſential fault, but was ſufficiently recompenced for the uneaſineſs he at firſt gave me, when I came to the concluding part, to find that his chief objection was, that, in a quotation from Dr. PETIT, I had unfortunately tranſlated a word literally, relating to the vitreous humour, and did not conſider that the Dr. himſelf was in an error; but happily for us both, this prov'd to be a word of ſo little conſequence, that none but one of Mr. QUEER's nice judgement would have taken any notice of: ſince if it were poſſible to find one ſo ignorant, as not to be capable of correcting the miſtake in the reading of it, 'tis not of the leaſt moment to the ſubject; that being to prove the ſeat of the Chryſtalline, and not the weight of the Vitreous.

Indeed this Critick ſeems willing to inſinuate, that one of the 4 operations, that I make for the Cataract and Glaucoma has ſome analogy, with that of Dr. PETIT's; however, I cannot but thank him for leaving me the right of the invention of the other three. I ſhall only ſay in anſwer to this, that in almoſt every circumſtance it is different from the Dr's, and that his is not practicable, as I am perſuaded this Gentleman knows; whereas mine has been practiſed in numerous inſtances, with the utmoſt ſucceſs in the preſence of ſeveral of the beſt judges in town, and perhaps of this anonymous himſelf. I have no more to add, than that I ſhall be well pleaſed to find nothing more liable to objections in my future writings. I am your humble ſervant,

J. TAYLOR.

P. S. For the ſatisfaction of Mr. QUEER and his friends, I deſire the reader of the abovementioned *Treatiſe* to correct this fault of Dr. PETIT's, and his Tranſlator in pag. 8, line 11, for the word *ten* read *one hundred and four*.

An EPITAPH *on* JACOB TONSON, *by a* young Gentleman *of* Eton School.

Vitæ *volumine* peracto,
Hic *FINIS* JACOBI TONSON,
Perpoliti ſociorum principis:
Qui, velut obſtetrix Muſarum,
In lucem edidit
Fælices ingenii partus.
Lugete Scriptorum chorus,
Et
Frangite calamos.
Ille veſter, qui Chartis vitam dedit,
E vitæ *margine erafus, deletur.*
Sed hæc *poſtrema Inſcriptio*
Huic *primæ* Mortis *paginæ*
Imprimatur;
Ne *prælo Sepulchri* commiſſus
Ipſe *Editor careat Titulo:*
Hic jacet *Bibliopola,*
Folio vitæ delapſo,
Expectans novam *Editionem*
Auctiorem et emendatiorem.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 15. Tueſday, being the anniverſary of the birth-day of his highneſs Cha. Frederick, Prince royal of Pruſſia, when he enter'd into his 24th year, his Excellency Baron de Borke gave a moſt ſplendid entertainment in Suffolk ſtreet, &c. —— As alſo on yeſterday, being that of her highneſs Dorothea Sophia, Princeſs of Pruſſia, when ſhe enter'd into her 17th, &c. *P.*

Several houſes are pulling down at the upper end of Channel row, to make a more convenient paſſage for coaches, chairs, &c to the Parliament houſe. *DJ.*

Laſt night the corpſe of his grace Edmund, late Duke of Buckinghamſhire, was brought to Buckingham houſe, from on board the Prince of Orange. *LP.* —— Carried thro' the city, preceded by 20 horſe, and followed by 3 mourning coaches. *DP. DA.*

We hear a deſign is on foot, for purchaſing Mr. Ward's Arcanum for compoſing his pill and drop, in order to diſpenſe them for the benefit of the poor of Great Britain and Ireland. *LP.* —— *By this, one would imagine, that* Mr. Ward *was leaving off practice.*

On tueſday ſome rogues attempted to break into the houſe of Meſſieurs Knight and Jackſon, bankers in Lombard-ſtreet, and took away ſome iron bars, notwithſtanding the watchman's ſtand was not 3 yards off the place. *LP.* —— Thoſe gentlemen have a watchman of their own at their door, who muſt have either been abſent, aſleep, or confederate. *DA.*

Died on thurſday of the ſmall pox, at Middleton near Mancheſter, the Lady Aſheton, wife of Sir Raphe, Bar. *LP.* —— Yeſterday in Dean-ſtreet [Liſle-ſtreet. *LP.*] Buſtrode Peachy Knight, Eſq; *DA.* —— He has left his eſtate, real and perſonal, to the amount of 200,000 l. to his lady. *DP.* —— Upwards of, &c. *DJ.*

Tueſday in the afternoon a boat was overſet between Deptford and Greenwich, by a ſudden ſquall of wind, and Mr. Gray a haberdaſher in the Borough, with 2 other men, were drowned. *DP.*

On monday night, a man diſorder'd in his ſenſes, hanged himſelf in Tyburn-road. *DJ.* —— On wedneſday one Williamſon, a dealer in rabbit-skins, having loſt his money and ſeveral of his skins at cards in Marlborough-ſtreet, went home, and cut his throat in ſuch a manner, that he died the ſame evening. *DP.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 16. Yeſterday his Majeſty opened the ſeſſion of Parliament with a moſt gracious ſpeech. *P. DP. DJ. LP. G.* —— Signifying his diligence and great pains taken whilſt abroad in procuring the peace and tranquillity of Europe, and ſecuring the trade of the Britiſh dominions. *DJ.*

We hear that Sir John Norris will not be recall'd from Lisbon till the peace is entirely ſettled. *DA.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to declare his grace the Duke of Argyle, and the right hon. the Earl of Orkney, Field-marſhals of Great Britain. *LP.* —— A new poſt of honour, under the title of Marſhal of the armies of Great Britain. *DA.*

The ſolemn and pompous interment of the corps of the late Duke of Buckingham in Weſtminſter-abbey, is to be on ſaturday ſe'nnight. *DA.*

Yeſterday at a court of directors of the Bank of England, Will. Sankey was appointed porter, in the room of Matt. Hall, deceas'd. *DJ.* —— Mr. Senakey. *DP. Jan.* 17.

Buſtrode Peachy Knight, Eſq; has left 300 l. per ann. to his elder brother Sir Harry; 120,000 l. to his next brother John Peachy, of Pater-noſter-row, Eſq; and 10,000 l. to his younger brother, Gov. Peachy. —— His Lady's fortune of about 100,000 l. reverts to her, and is at her own diſpoſal. *DA.*

Yeſterday morning, whilſt the bell ringer of the royal chapel at S. James's, was ringing the bell, 2 ſharpers, well dreſſed, [one in a dirty woollen cap. *LP.*] went into the chapel, and carried off the covering from the Biſhop of London's ſeat, which was crimſon velvet, richly embroider'd with gold lace. *DA.* —— Worth 20 l. *DP.*

On ſaturday the Winchelſea and Pett officers, ſeiz'd and carry'd to his Majeſty's warehouſe at Haſtings in Suſſex near 1000 l. of tea. *DP.*

Doctor Joſhua Ward, who has been extremely ill, is now in a fair way of recovery. *LP.* —— *There is, I am pretty certain, no ſuch* Doctor: *I have been told indeed, that one* Mr. J. Ward *had lately a terrible* fit of the ſtone; *but perhaps it was a* forgery.

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 17. Yeſterday the Houſe of Lords waited on the King with the Addreſs of thanks for his moſt gracious ſpeech, &c. *P. DJ. G.* —— Their humble addreſs. *LP.* —— A very dutiful and loyal addreſs. *DP.* —— Their dutiful and affectionate congratulations, &c. *DA.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Capt. Murean, to be Lieutenant Col. in the regiment of foot commanded by Col. Middleton. *DP.*

Yeſterday 10 men were diſcharged out of each company in the 3d regiment of foot-guards; and in a few days the like reduction will be made in the 1ſt and 2d, and among all his Majeſty's forces in Great Britain. *P.*

They write from Oxford, that Biſhop Tanner (that moſt valuable and indefatigable collector) has bequeath'd a treaſure of manuſcripts to the Bodleian library, which by this and other large benefactions, exceeds all the repoſitories of that nature, except thoſe of Vienna and France, and is of more publick uſe and benefit than either of them, or any other. *DP.*

Married on wedneſday, at Newington-church, Nath. Bowes, of Surry, Eſq; to Miſs Frances Polts, a lady of great merit, with a fortune of 12,000 l. *P.*

Died, on wedneſday, in Weſtminſter, in his 60th year, the rev. Dr. Francis Mouldey. *P.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 19. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Hutton [Hatton. *DA. G.*] preach'd before their Majeſties, &c. — And the rev. Dr. Galley, Rector of St. Giles's, before the Duke, &c *P.*

On thurſday the rev. Dr. Smith, Provoſt of Queen's College Oxford, was introduc'd to her Majeſty; who promis'd 1000 l. towards carrying on the buildings at that college. *DP.*

On ſaturday the hon. Houſe of Commons waited on his Majeſty with their Addreſs of thanks, &c. *DJ. G.* —— A moſt dutiful and affectionate addreſs *DA.*

Laſt night his grace the Archbiſhop of Canterbury was very ill at Lambeth. *P.*

On friday ſome officers made a ſeizure of 900 wt. of tea, at a houſe at Briſtow cauſeway. *DJ.* —— On ſaturday: 700 lb. *DP.*

The rev. Dr. Ayſcough is appointed to preach before the Houſe of Commons, at S. Margaret's, Weſtminſter, on the 30th inſt. *G.*

On thurſday night a fellow driving his cart along Holborn, had his pocket pick'd by a girl about 7 years old, of 14 s. and a handkerchief; but [the] being taken in the fact, was carry'd before a magiſtrate, and committed to Tothill-fields Bridewell. The girl confeſs'd that ſhe had been train'd up by one Cha. Taylor, who maintain'd her out of what ſhe earn'd by her induſtry that way. *DA.* —— The girl, *ſeems rather to have* maintain'd *him, than he* her.

Married yeſterday, Will. Fielding of Kenſington, Eſq; to Miſs Lake, of Brompton, a beautiful young gentlewoman, with a fortune of 8000 l. *DP.*

Died on friday, at Kew Green, the Lady Eyre, relict of Sir Charles. —— At Hanworth near Sunbury, Tho. Chambers, Eſq; *DP. LP.* —— On ſaturday, in Newbond-ſtreet, the Lady of Sir Edw. Hair, Bar. *G.* —— Mr. John White, an eminent butcher in Newgate-market, worth 10,000 l. *DJ.* —— Yeſterday in his 40th year, in Weſtminſter, Edm. Phipps, of Wallingham in Shropſhire, Eſq; *P.*

On ſaturday the ſeſſions ended at the Old Bailey, when Tho. Bulker received ſentence of death, 3 were burnt in the hand. *P.* &c.

Laſt friday a driver of a cart with 3 horſes, attempting to water them by the ſide of Deptford-bridge, the current was ſo rapid, that they were drove violently down the ſtream, and the man and horſes all periſhed. *LP.*

On ſaturday a barber hang'd himſelf in Miles's-lane, Cannon ſtreet. *LP.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 20. The Livery-ſervants belonging to his Royal Highneſs the Prince, have received orders not to appear this day in their new liveries, but to keep the ſame againſt the celebration of his Royal Highneſs's nuptials. *DA.*

Yeſterday Mr. Tho. Rawlings was appointed by the Lord Chamberlain, one of the muſicians in ordinary to his Majeſty, in the room of Mr. Banniſter deceas'd. *LP.*

The ſame day the ceremonial for the funeral proceſſion of his grace the duke of Buckinghamſhire was ſettled at the Herald's office. —— The corpſe is to lye in ſtate at Buckingham-houſe on monday next till thurſday, when it is to be moſt ſolemnly interr'd in Weſtminſter-abbey. *LP.*

We hear that ſeveral Petitions are renewed for undue elections and returns for the Boroughs of Haverfordweſt, Calne, Coventry, Hereford, Wareham, S. Michael, Melcomb Regis, Shrewsbury, and Milbourn Port. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Cobden preach'd an excellent ſermon before the ſocieties for reformation of manners at S. Mary le Bow. *P. DJ. DA. G.*

A few days ago, three farmers, living not a great number of miles from Harrow on the Hill, agreed to give their wives ſome diverſion one evening at a publick houſe in their neighbourhood; where after regaling plentifully for ſome time, they challeng'd each other to change wives for that night, which was immediately conſented to by all parties, and to bed they went — the effects of which may poſſibly appear ſome months hence. *LP.* — *Is this ſtory credible in a country that pretends to be* Chriſtian?

On ſunday one Edwin, a foot ſoldier, was committed to Newgate: he had been in company with one Pain and Mordaunt, foot ſoldiers likewiſe; and had ſtruck and bit the former in the cheek. Mordaunt to reconcile them, took them to another publick houſe: where Edwin ſtruck Pain again, took him in his arms, and ſeeming as if he was going to embrace him, bit off his upper lip entirely, which is now in the conſtable's hands, to be preſerv'd in ſpirits, and produc'd at the tryal. *LP.*

Married, on thurſday, Tho. Sherer, Eſq; collector of the cuſtoms of Southampton, to Miſs Moyle, a beautiful young lady of great wit, merit, and fortune. —— On ſaturday, Arthur Chetway, Eſq; to Miſs Louiſa Ongley, of Middleſex, a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 15,000 l. *P.*

Died laſt week, in Great Queen-ſtreet, the Lady of Brig. Sutton. *DP.* —— On ſunday, at Mile-end, Capt. Hen. Harris, worth 15,000 l. *DA.* —— Suddenly at Vaux-hall, Mr. Hull, an eminent and wealthy grazier and butcher. *DP.*

Laſt ſaturday in the afternoon, a boat with 2 women paſſengers was overſet in Chelſea-reach, and one drowned. *G.* —— Yeſterday another overſet oppoſite to Peterborough-houſe, and 2 women were drowned. *DJ.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 21. Yeſterday being the anniverſary of his royal highneſs the Prince's birth-day, when he entered into his 30th Year, there was a great appearance at Court of the nobility, &c. *P. DJ. DA. G.*

His Grace the Duke of Richmond is to be the chief mourner at the funeral of his grace the late duke of Buckinghamſhire, and to be ſupported by the Lords Vere and Sidney Beauclerck, Brothers to his grace the Duke of S. Albans. *LP.*

On ſaturday night about 8, a rogue came to the houſe of Mrs. Dupuis in S. James's-ſtreet, and asking for a lady who lodged on the firſt floor, he went up ſtairs, and preſented a piſtol to her, &c. upon which ſhe ſhrieked out, and alarmed the houſe; but while the people were coming up ſtairs, he lifted up the ſaſh-window, dropped down from the penthouſe, and made his eſcape. *DA.*

Married laſt week at Newcaſtle, Capt. Ambroſe Gray to Miſs Fanny Browell, a beautiful young lady, and a fortune of ſeveral 1000 *l.* *DA.* —— Yeſterday Dr. Chance an eminent phyſician, to Miſs Molly Tahourden, a very beautiful young lady, with 8000 *l* *LP.* —— A young lady of fine accompliſhments, &c. *DJ.*

Died a few days ſince, at Eden Hall in Cumberland, Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Bar, —— On ſunday at Bath, the hon. Miſs Vane. *LP.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

To the Society of GRUB-STREET.

Gentlemen,

THE following Piece being a continuation of a Controverſy begun and carried on in your Paper, I make no queſtion that you will allow me now

and then a little room in it, 'till the Diſpute is entirely ended.

The Prompter, not being able to return any anſwer to what I had advanced againſt his *Flamines Diales*, &c. in *Journal* 315; to conceal the ſhame of his flight, endeavoured to amuſe his readers in No. 123. with a long tedious account of his Campaign againſt me, in an allegorical manner, which had no foundation of truth. However, he owned, that he had *ſent to Cambridge to raiſe recruits*, and ſhould not *preſent us battle* again, 'till they had joined him. In the mean time, to keep up the ſpirits of his party, he boaſted of a victory lately gained over Mr. BAVIUS, in the conteſt about the *Philoſopher's Prayer*; who, he told them, 'not being able to maintain 'his ground, had left his Enemy in poſſeſſion of the field 'of battle, and fled': by which he meant, that no Anſwer had been returned to his 112th Number.

I had expreſly declared above five weeks ago, in *Journal* 311, that I did not write the *Letters* againſt that *Prayer*; notwithſtanding which, he has the honour and veracity ſtill to charge them upon me. His 112th Number is a pretended Anſwer to the two laſt of thoſe *Letters*; in which Paper, he has only ſlightly touch'd upon two eſſential points of the original controverſy, and filled up the reſt of it with a few rambling Cavils againſt ſome ſentences and expreſſions, which do not at all affect the merits of the Cauſe. To each of theſe the Writer of the *Letters* ſent me very ſoon a particular and direct Reply; which I have had in my hands near a month; but deferred the tranſmiſſion of it to the Society, on the account of things of more immediate conſequence. The firſt Part of this Reply contains his Anſwers to the Cavils of the *Prompter*, whoſe words are quoted at length, and not by piece-meal; which ſhall be followed, as room in the *Journal* ſhall be allowed me, by particular Anſwers to what he has ſay'd relating to the two eſſential points of the Diſpute; he having intirely dropped all the other points, upon which his Antagoniſt had inſiſted, and not made the leaſt reply to them.

Letter in *Journal* 307. 'I once more challenge and 'defy theſe men to diſprove the truth of the Chriſtian 'Religion'. No. 308. 'Human Pride may invent 'many things with relation to *men*; but how it can be 'flatter'd by *inventions* relating to *God*, I cannot imagine; unleſs they mean that *Human Pride* makes MAN 'to be *a Being of ſo great conſequence, that* GOD *ſhould* 'regard his thoughts, words, and actions; and that CHRIST '*ſhould die for him*: and if they do ſo mean; let them '*ſpeak out*, and then we ſhall know what ſo ſay to them'. —— *Prompter*, No. 112. 'That is, *Let them deny the* 'Being of a God, and DISPROVE *the truth of the Chriſtian* 'Religion, and *We*, that is, the VOICE OF GOD, ſhall '*ſpeak to them*, as in the days of Queen *Mary*, out of a 'BURNING BUSH IN SMITHFIELD'. —— The *Letter-writer*, in the paragraph above cited, had not uſ'd any expreſſion, which even remotely, or implicitly ſignifies *Let them deny the Being of a God*; which is therefore ſlyly foiſted in here by this honeſt PHILOSOPHER. Nor did the ſame Author, by *challenging and defying* them to DISPROVE *the truth of the Chriſtian Religion*, ſuppoſe (as *The Prompter* ſeems to ſuppoſe) that they really can do it; but *ſuppoſed* the direct contrary, and therefore *challenged* them to *diſprove* it, if they were able. And as *let them ſpeak out* could onely ſignifie, let them tell us plainly what they mean by the *inventions of human pride*: ſo, by *then we ſhall know what to ſay to them*, the author could have no other meaning, but we ſhall then *know what* anſwer to return them. He could not poſſibly have the leaſt thought of ſuch a ſanguinary threat, ſince the Clergy have ſcarce any ſhadow left of Eccleſiaſtical power; and ſeem to be in a more likely way to be perſecuted themſelves for defending the doctrines of Chriſt, than to be able to puniſh others even in a much leſs ſevere manner for denying them. Nor is it at all probable, that this PHILOSOPHER himſelf could have ſo wild a thought, as to imagine this to be the Writer's real ſentiments. He rather made this out-cry about fire and faggot *in Smithfield*, only to introduce his oblique joke upon the *burning buſh* in *Horeb*, and his direct Billingſgate upon the Writer, whom he calls Dr. *Wolſe*, *Tartuffe*, *Hypocrite*, and *Traytor*. This is a flagrant inſtance of *Exorbitancy in modo loquendi, a Figure often uſed by bad Writers*, and particularly by this.

Letter in *Journal* 307. 'I would not *lie for God* him'ſelf.' — *Prompter*, No. 112. This is 'an Exorbitan'cy *in modo loquendi*, a Figure often uſed by bad Writers. '..... To ſuppoſe GOD *could ask a Man to lye*, or *accept* '*it*, (which is imply'd in the words) is HORRIBLY PRO'FANE; and if *God cannot be ſuppoſed to ask a Man to lye*, 'nor *to accept it*, his Aſſeveration is ABSURD, and ſays 'nothing; and we may, as well now, as before, think 'him very capable of LYING. And this is what is 'called *Reductio ad abſurdum*, or *impium*.' —— To *lye for God* is to *lye for* the cauſe of *God*, or of Religion: and the expreſſion is juſtified by JOB xiii. 7. *Will you ſpeak wickedly* FOR GOD? *and talk deceitfully* FOR *him*? The *ſuppoſition*, that GOD can either *ask a Man to lye*, (a very odd expreſſion) or *accept it*, is ſo far from being *imply'd in the words* of the Letter-writer, that the direct contrary is *imply'd* in them. Neither does this implication make the *Aſſeveration* ABSURD, and to *ſay nothing*: becauſe a wicked opinion, followed by a wicked practice, has prevailed among ſome perſons, That the end will juſtifie the means, and that it is lawful to do evil that good may come of it: againſt which opinion and practice, this is the ſtrongeſt Declaration, and has therefore nothing *abſurdum*, much leſs *impium*, in it.

[*To be continued.*]

BAVIUS.

EPIGRAM.

To ſhew my Learning great, which very ſmall is,
I raſhly mention'd *Flamines Diales*.
Caught, I half ſay'd, 'I wrote *Dial. &c.*'
Th' Excuſe, I hope, will paſs; for I've no better a.

PHILOSOPHUS.

FOREIGN NEWS.

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 17. —— *Vienna, Jan.* 11. N. S. It is confirmed, that ſome regiments that are in Germany, have orders to march to Italy, whither 8000 Ruſſians are alſo ſending, and are to be follow'd by other troops. *P. DP. DJ.*

Hamburgh, Jan. 17. They write from Dreſden, that the cold was ſo very ſevere there, that it made ſeveral dogs run mad. *DJ. G.* —— It is written from Warſaw. *LP.*

Letters from Bruſſels inform us, that the States of Brabant have granted his Imperial Majeſty an extraordinary ſubſidy of 427,000 Florins; to be raiſed by laying a tax of 40 a year on every coach and ſix, 30 on every coach and four, 20 on every coach and a pair, and 5 on every one-horſe chaiſe. *DP.* —— *Theſe* States *juſtly think, that thoſe who ride in* coaches *are better able to pay* taxes, *than thoſe who* go on foot.

MONDAY, *Jan.* 19. —— *Hague, Jan.* 24. N. S. The Declaration of the two Maritime Powers, upon the Preliminary Articles of peace, was deliver'd on ſaturday the 21ſt to the Imperial and French miniſters. *P. DP. DJ. DA. LP.*

Notwithſtanding all the rout that is made about peace, the French are indefatigable in their preparations for war in Alſace, where they are making prodigious levies. *DJ.*

TUESDAY, *Jan* 20. Sir Everard Lowthorp died at Paris on the 24th, N. S. in his 83d year. *P.*

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